

### REMARKS

This preliminary amendment concerns a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 with respect International Application No. PCT/EP2004/053509. The International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER), with annexes, is provided herewith. The annexes include amendments to the claims and specification made during the International Phase pursuant to PCT Article 34. Entry of these Article 34 amendments is requested.


Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present preliminary amendments submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.115 and 1.121. These amendments are based upon the specification and claims as they appear in the annexes of the IPER. The present amendments generally conform the specification and claims to U.S. practice. Particularly regarding the claims, herein, numbers 3-7 and 9-12 are revised in order to conform the claim set to U.S. practice and standards.

No new matter is being introduced by this amendment as antecedent support is set forth throughout the originally filed application.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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